GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Maternal & Child Health Services – Comprehensive Mother and Child Health Record (MCH-R) – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (D2) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 208 **Dated:31.01.2011**

Read the following:

1. Director of Public Health & Family Welfare Letter No. 32224/DH/NRHM dated 17-06-2010
2. Report of the Expert Committee on rationalising Health Records dated 30-12-2010.
3. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Record of approval of State NRHM Programme Implementation Plan for 2010-11 dated 23.06.2010
4. GO Ms No 135 of Health, Medical and Family Welfare (K2) Dept, dated 28.04.2007

ORDER:

1. The Government has taken a number of measures to revitalise the public health system in the state, with special focus on strengthening the mother and child health services. Notwithstanding the concerted efforts made under various programmes, the infant and maternal mortality and morbidity in the state remains at moderately high levels. In this context, the government is launching a comprehensive action plan for strengthening the mother and child health services to bring down Infant Mortality (IMR) and Maternal Mortality rates (MMR) to below 30 per 1,000 live births and 100 per one lakh live births respectively by 2012. One of the principal components of this action plan is to monitor the health of every pregnant and lactating mother and every child below the age of five years.

2. To facilitate effective monitoring of the health of pregnant and lactating mothers and children, especially infants, and to ensure prompt medical and nutrition intervention wherever required, the Government established an Expert Committee to develop a Mother and Child Health Record (MCH-R). The expert committee developed a comprehensive MCH Record based on a thorough review of the mother and child health and nutrition records in vogue in different parts of the country, extensive consultations with experts, workshops, focus group discussions and appropriate field testing of the model and recommended its universal adoption.

3. The Government has reviewed the recommendations of the Expert Committee carefully and after due consultations with the Department of Women and Child Development, hereby order for adoption of the Comprehensive Mother and Child Health Record (MCH-R) across the state of Andhra Pradesh with effect from 1 April 2011. The Government orders that all health institutions, health professionals, and practitioners of maternal and child health in the state of Andhra Pradesh – both government and the private sector, including individual practitioners – **issue the MCH-Record to all pregnant mothers and infants registering after 1 April 2011**. Women seeking abortion services, however, need not be issued the MCH-R. The prototype of the MCH-R is enclosed as annexure to this Order.

4. The MCH Record will enable close monitoring of the health and nutrition of all pregnant and lactating mothers and children below the age of five years and will contribute to timely intervention that would reduce infant and maternal mortality and morbidity. The Government therefore orders that the MCH-R, which will remain in the care of the mother, will entitle her to full complement of quality ante-natal, intra-natal and post-natal care; emergency health transportation services through 108-ambulance services; referral to appropriate secondary / tertiary referral hospitals; and full complement of health and nutrition services, immunisation, and growth monitoring of children until the age of five years, at all government health facilities in the state. The MCH-R once issued at any facility – private or public - shall be valid for use at all health facilities in the state and will be used by the functionaries of both ICDS and Health departments. The Government orders that the MCH-R shall be the official Birth Certificate and the Immunisation Record for the Child in order to improve civil registration system and to ensure universal immunisation.

5. By virtue of the powers conferred under Rule 14 of the AP Allopathic Private Medical Care Establishments Rules 2007, issued in GO Ms No 135 (K2),dated 28 April 2007, the Government hereby orders that all private medical care establishments in the state shall issue MCH-Record in the format prescribed to all pregnant mothers and infants registering with them on or after 1 April 2011, maintain the medical records of the patients treated and submit the information relating to the pregnant mothers and infants in the format to be prescribed by the Government to the concerned District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) every month.

6. The Government hereby orders the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare (CH&FW) shall print thirty (30) lakh MCH Records, duly following the standard government procurement procedures, and arrange to supply to the DMHOs for onward distribution to all health facilities – from the sub-centre to teaching hospitals, private hospitals, and individual obstetric and paediatric practioners. The MCH-R shall be printed on a hard paper that would last for six years and should be kept inside a thick polythene envelope. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare (CH&FW) shall organise workshops for all health functionaries – government and private – for orienting them to the appropriate and effective use of MCH-R. The expenditure on printing and delivery of the MCH-Records and the cost of orientation workshops shall be met from the NRHM-RCH Account.

7. To foster a sense of ownership and responsibility for safe upkeep of the Record, the Government orders that the MCH-R be priced at Rupees five (Rs.5) for the BPL and Rupees ten (Rs 10) for the APL families, when the Record is issued by the government facility. The women registering with the private health facilities and practitioners will be charged Rupees twenty (Rs 20) per Record. The cost of MHC-R collected by the private health facilities as well as the amount accrued to the government health facilities from the issue of MCHR will be credited to the account of the respective health centre / hospital development society. The cost of Records issued by the ANM / ASHA will be credited to the Sub-centre account.

8. In the rural areas, PHC-MO will issue the requested number of MCH-R to the private health facilities / practitioners in the PHC service area and ensure tracking of the health of mothers and children registered in the private facilities. In Hyderabad District area, the MO of Urban Health Centres will issue the MCH-R to the private medical facilities and ensure monthly reporting of mothers' and children's health. In other urban areas of the state, the DMHO will make appropriate arrangements for the collection and compilation of information relating to mothers and children treated by private health facilities. The details of the MCH-R issued and the information pertaining to the patient shall be recorded and maintained by the concerned

health facility providing medical care to the mother and child using the unique ID of the Record.

9. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, the Commissioner of APVVP, the Director of Medical Education and the District Collectors shall take necessary action in the matter and closely monitor the health of every pregnant and lactating mother and all children below the age of five years in the state.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare
All District Collectors and District Magistrates
All District Medical and Health Officers

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4. The Special Chief Secretary, Women's Development and Child Welfare Department, Government of AP.
5. The Principal Secretary to the Government of AP, Medical and Health Department
6. The Commissioner, Women's Development and Child Welfare Department, Government of AP.
7. The Director of NHSRC, New Delhi
8. The Director of Public Health and Family Welfare
9. The Commissioner of Andhra Pradesh Vaidya Vidhana Parishad
10. The Director of Medical Education
11. All Regional Directors of Health
12. All District Coordinator of Health Services (DCHS)
13. All Senior Public Health Officers of CHNOs in the state
14. The Superintendents of all Teaching/ District and Area Hospitals in the state
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